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STPI SCHEME FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started any scheme namely Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) for the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is contemplating to discontinue the said scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to continue the said scheme for the States which have failed to attract investment under the said scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): No, Sir. Software Technology Park Scheme is a standing scheme, which is governed by The Foreign Trade Policy 2002-2007 and Handbook of Procedure Vol.-I as amended time to time.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f): As per current policy for setting up a new Software Technology Park of India (STPI) Centre, the State Government has to provide 3 acres of land, 10,000 sq.ft. of built up space and a grant-in-aid of Rs. 1 Crore to STPI. The Department of Information Technology, Government of India provides a seed capital of Rs. 50 lakhs to STPI for setting up of New STPI Centres. A feasibility study has to be conducted by STPI jointly with the State Government to evaluate the export potential and commercial viability of the proposal.